**Increasing the number of electronic/ exchanges in Hyderabad and Secunderabad**

*39. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is this present position with regard to the distribution of dif ferent types of exchange systems in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Sec underabad;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of electronic exchanges there; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRl DINESH GOSWAMI); (a) the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, there are:

10 Electronic Exchanges,

7 Strowger Exchanges, and

Crossbar Exchanges.

■(b) Yes, Sir. • (c) The details are as

under;

The following new electronic exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1990-91:

(1) Jeedimetla

(2) Vanasthalipuram

The following existing electronic exchanges are proposed to be expand-fed;

(1) Saifabad Unit III

(2) Secunderabad Unit **IV.**

**Development of major ports during' the eighth plan**

•40. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the major port$_s$ in the country in the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, what is the amount earmarked for the development of each major port during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) what specific steps Government propose to take for the development of Paradip Port during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

132. *[Transferred to the 20th March.* 1990].

**STD facilities in Orissa towns**

133. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns in Orissa connected with STD system so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to introduce STD in some more town$_s$ in the State;

(c) if so, what are the names thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to connect Joda and Borbil towns in Orissa with STD in 1990-91 financial year; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to implement the said proposal?